

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The General Assembly addresses many
3 controversial and important issues that affect the lives of
4 millions of Illinois residents; and

5 WHEREAS, Every day in this nation, 80 people die from
6 gunfire; and

7 WHEREAS, The FBI, in 1996, estimated that there were only
8 176 justifiable handgun homicides compared with a total of
9 9,390 handgun murders in the United States; and

10 WHEREAS, Recent shootings, such as the killing of workers
11 at the Navistar Plant in Melrose Park, have prompted concern
12 for the safety of employees around the State; and

13 WHEREAS, A shooting incident at the edge of the White
14 House grounds occurred on February 5, 2001; and

15 WHEREAS, A shooting incident occurred in the United
16 States Capitol building two years ago; and

17 WHEREAS, The State Capitol building in Springfield lacks
18 proper security measures to prevent gun attacks; and

19 WHEREAS, Over 200,000 people visit the State Capitol
20 annually, and approximately 500 people work at the State
21 Capitol; and

22 WHEREAS, There is heightened concern for safety measures
23 to protect the visitors, workers, and elected officials who
24 are on the grounds of the State Capitol; therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
26 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
27 we urge the Illinois Secretary of State to review the
28 security provided at the State Capitol and propose new safety
29 measures such as metal detectors to protect the visitors,

1 workers, and elected officials at the State Capitol; and be
2 it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 delivered to the Illinois Secretary of State.